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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES SURPLUS BIG-GAME SALES

At Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, Cache, Okla., sales will total 225 buffalo, live or butchered, and 250 elk, butchered animals only. A whole buffalo carcass, unfrozen, will sell for \$180, a half carcass at \$90. Freezing adds \$40 to the price of whole animals and \$20 for halves. Live buffalo, long yearling age group only, will sell for \$235. Elk meat will run \$90 for a whole, unfrozen carcass, and \$45 for a half. Frozen meat will cost \$20 more for a whole carcass and \$10 additional for halves.

At Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge near Valentine, Nebr., 55 buffalo, live or butchered, will be sold. Live animals will be generally in the long yearling age group but a few older females also may be sold. Live buffalo sales at Fort Niobrara will be by public auction on October 24. Buffalo meat at Fort Niobrara, where the animals are considerably larger than those at Wichita Mountains, will sell, unfrozen only, at \$240 for a whole carcass, \$120 for a half, and \$60 for a quarter.

The National Bison Range at Moiese, Mont., will sell 77 buffalo, live or butchered. Live sales will be mostly in the long yearling age group, but a few older animals may be available. Live buffalo sales at National Bison Range will be through sealed bids accepted through September 15. Butchered animals from the National Bison Range, also larger than at Wichita Mountains, will sell for \$240 a whole carcass, \$120 for a half, and \$60 for a quarter, unfrozen only.

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